sales, and capital restructuring besides, efficient management of physical and financial resources, etc.

Production of Finished Steel

1688. SHZI KAMAL MORAKA Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the Demand and production of finished steel during the last three years and projected during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) how the gap has been met/proposed to be met; and

(c) what are the details of the steps to increase production of finished steel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The Demand and production of finished steel during the last three years and projection for the terminal year of 8th Plan i.e. 1996-97 are as under :

(In lakh tonnes)

Domestic	Demand	Production
1990-91	155.2	135.31
1991-92	163.5	143.29
1992-93	177.6	152.04
1996-97	250.0	240.92

(b) The gap between demand and domestic production is met to some extent through imports of iron and steel materials.

(c) In order to increase production of steel, the public sector steel plants have taken up modernisation/expansion programmes. Steps have also been taken to facilitate the setting up of new capacities in the private sector. These include removal of iron and steel from the list of industries reserved for the public sector, exemption from the provisions of compulsory licensing, deregulation of pricing and distribution, etc.

इस्पात संयंत्रों में प्रदूषण जांच

1689. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन** : क्या **इस्पात** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश के सभी इस्पात संयंत्रों के संबंध में प्रदूषण जांच कर ली गई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ग) इस्पात संयंत्रों में प्रदूषण की जांच करने के लिए क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) से (ग) पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की दिनांक 12 फरवरी, 1992 की गजट अधिसूचना और उसके बाद उनके द्वारा जारी संशोधनों के अनुसार उन सभी उद्योगों, जिन्होंने 16 मई, 1981 का अथवा इससे पूर्व उत्पादन शुरू किया था, को 31 दिसम्बर, 1993 तक प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए निर्धारित मानदण्डों का पूरा करने के संबंध में कदम उठाने थे । तदनुसार सभी एकीकृत इस्पात संयंत्रों ने विभिन्न इस्पात संयंत्रों में प्रदूषण के स्तर की जांच की थी और उन्होंने मानदण्डों के अनुसार आवधिक जांच करने के लिए व्यवस्था की है । इन जांचों के अनुसार कई स्टैक से उत्सर्जन मानदण्डों से काफी कम है और शेष स्टैक के संबंध में कार्रवाई शुरू की गई है ।

संयंत्रों द्वारा, वायु जल और ध्वनि प्रदूषण के संबंध में एक विस्तृत प्रदूषण नियंत्रण कार्य योजना तैयार की गई है । इस्पात संयंत्रों द्वारा इस कार्य योजना के अधिकांश कार्य को कार्यान्वित किया जा चुका है परन्तु उपयुक्त प्रौद्यो-

गिकियों को अभिज्ञात करने, विद्यमान संयंत्रों में रिट्रोफिटिंग नियंत्रण उपस्करों, कुछ उपस्करों की सुपुर्दगी की दीर्घकालिक समय अनुसूची, धन संबंधी अड़चनों आदि की समस्याओं के कारण निर्धारित समय-सीमा के भीतर सारी कार्रवाई नहीं की जा सकी।

Expansion of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1690. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the projected plans for expansion of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that the V.S.P. is unable to generate any funds from its own earnings for expansion;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there was any basic defect in the economics of operation of this plant; and

(e) whether it is aready technically obsolete ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has been commissioned and dedicated to the Nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1-8-1992. The VSP Management is concentrating on the stabilisation of its production units so as to reach 100% capacity utilisation by 1996-97. There is no programme for expansion of the plant at present.

(d) No, Sir. The plant is presently incurring losses due to low capacity utilisation of the production units which are still in the process of stabilisation and high incidence of capital related charges viz. depreciation and interest.

(e) No, Sir. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is one of the most modern integrated steelplants in India. Some of the modern technologies installed in the plant are ; Dry Quenching of Coke, Bell Less Top Charging and Cast House Slag Granulation in Blast Furnaces, LD converters for conversion of Hot Metal into steel, 100% Continuous Casting process for steel making and fully automatic sophisticated rolling mills.

Prospects of Sail n terms of Steel Industry

1691. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that SAIL has a vast manpower base and Training facilities;

(b) if so, whether SAIL can provide a strong human resource development base to the total steel and related industry in view of globalisation of Indian economy;

(c) whether it is a fact that the trained manpower would be key to with-stand global competition-both in terms of quality and cost effectiveness; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (d) It is a fact that Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has a vast manpower base comprising 22,297 executives and 2,07,376 non-executive in the steel plants and subsidiaries. This large reservoir of skilled manpower of SAIL has enabled the Company to effectively meet the challenges in the post liberalisation scenario wherein it has to gear itself for greater competition through better quality and cost effective products. All the integrated steel plants under SAIL have well established training centres for providing technical and managerial training, with modern facilities required for in-house training establishments.

Under the current liberalised business environment, SAIL is already diversifying its activities and providing consultancy services in a variety of areas, including human resource development to steel and related industries.

Secondary Steel Sector

1692. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Secondary Steel Sector is reeling under spiralling scrap, power tariff, uneconomical furnace capacities and outdated technology;

(b) whether it is virtually on the verge of closure; and